

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

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Claim 2 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10, wherein a fragrance is embedded into said fabric.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10, wherein said mutable dye is thermochromatic.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 3, wherein said mutable dye is selected from the group consisting of: 3,3'-dimethoxyfluoran (yellow); 3-chloro-6-phenylaminofluoran (orange); 3-diethylamino-6-methyl-7-chlorofluoran (vermilion); 3-diethyl-7,8-benzofluoran (pink); Crystal Violet lactone (blue); 3,3', 3"-tris(p-dimethylaminophenyl) phthalide (purplish blue); Malachite Green lactone (green); 3,3'-bis-(p-dimethylaminophenyl) phthalide (green); ~~and~~ 3-diethylamino-6-methyl-7-phenylaminofluoran (black); indolyl phthalides; spiropyrans; coumarins; 3,6-dimethoxyfluoran; 3,6-dibutoxyfluoran; 3-diethylamino-6,8-dimethylfluoran; 3-chloro-6-phenylaminofluoran; 3-diethylamino-6-methyl-7-chlorofluoran; 3-diethylamino 7,8-benzofluoran ~~benzofluoran~~; 2-anilino-3-methyl-6-diethylaminofluoran; 3,3',3"-tris(p-dimethylaminophenyl) phthalide; 3,3'-bis(p-dimethylaminophenyl) phthalide; 3-diethylamino-7-phenylaminofluoran; 3,3-bis(p-diethylaminophenyl)-6-dimethylaminophthalide; 3-(4-diethylaminophenyl)-3-(1-ethyl-2-methylindol-3-yl) phthalide; 3-(4-diethylamino-2-methyl)phenyl-3-(1,2-dimethylindol-3-yl) phthalide; 2'-(2-chloroanilino)-6'- dibutylaminospiro-[phthalido-3,9'-xanthene] and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10 wherein said fabric comprises a material selected from the group consisting of woven substrates, nonwoven substrates, hydroentangled substrates, air entangled substrates, natural sponges, synthetic sponges, and polymeric netted sponges and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10 wherein said fabric comprises a material selected from the group consisting of silk fiber, wool fiber, camel hair, wood pulp fiber, cotton fiber, hemp fiber, jute fiber, flax fiber, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10, wherein said fabric comprises a material selected from the group consisting of cellulose; polyamides; polyesters; polypropylene; polyethylene; polyvinyl acetate; polyurethane and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10, wherein said fabric is water-insoluble.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10, wherein one portion of said fabric is fastened to another portion of said fabric through use of a device selected from the group consisting of a button and hole, a button and loop, a hook and loop; a buckle, and a snap button.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A process-method for treating hair which comprises:

- i) contacting said hair with a hair treatment agent which is activated by heat;
- ii) covering said hair or a part of said hair with a hair covering according to claim 1 which comprises a woven or non-woven fabric impregnated, coated or both impregnated and coated with at least one mutable dye;
- iii) applying heat to said hair covering; and whereby said hair covering changes color
- iv) causing the hair covering to change color indicating that said hair treatment agent in said hair has been activated by said heat.

Claim 11 (original): A process-method according to claim 10, wherein said hair treatment agent is a hair conditioner, said contacting step imparting conditioning to said hair.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A kit for treating hair which comprises:

- i) a hair covering according to claim 1 which comprises a woven or non-woven fabric impregnated, coated or both impregnated and coated with at least one mutable dye; and
- ii) a hair treatment agent; and
- iii) written instructions to apply the hair treatment agent to the hair, covering the treated hair with a hair covering, and heating the hair covering until the mutable dye changes color so as to indicate that the hair has been adequately heat treated.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A kit for treating hair which comprises:

- i) a hair covering according to claim 1 which comprises a woven or non-woven fabric impregnated, coated or both impregnated and coated with at least one mutable dye;
- ii) a hair treatment agent; and
- iii) a source of heat.

Claim 14 (original): A process-method according to claim 10, wherein said hair treatment agent is selected from the group consisting of a gel, a shampoo, a rise-out conditioner, a leave-in conditioner, a straightening product, a smoothing product, a serum, a pommade, a semi-permanent dye, and a permanent dye.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4_10, which comprises at least two mutable dyes, wherein one dye changes color at a first temperature, and wherein a second dye changes color at a second temperature different from said first temperature.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4_10, wherein said mutable dye is impregnated in said fabric in a design, a logo or an insignia.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4_10, wherein said fabric has a Tg which is substantially higher than any temperature transferable by a hair blow dryer appliance.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): A ~~hair covering method~~ according to claim 4-10, wherein said mutable dye is a leuco dye.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A ~~hair covering method~~ according to claim 18, wherein said mutable dye is selected from the group consisting of: 1,3,3-trimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-oxazine]; 6'-indolino-1,3,3-trimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-~~oxa~~zine~~oxazine~~]; 5-chloro-1,3,3-trimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-oxazine]; 6'-piperidino-1,3,3-trimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-oxazine]; -benzyl-3,3-dimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-oxazine]; 1,3,5,6-tetramethyl-3-ethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-oxazine]; 1,3,3,5,6-pentamethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)(1,4)-oxazine]; 1,3,5,6-tetramethyl-3-ethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)pyrido(3,2-f)(1,4)-benz oxazine]; 1,3',3'-trimethylspiro(2H-2-benzopyran-2,2'-indoline); 1,3,3-triphenylspiro[indoline 2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)pyran]; 1-(2,3,4,5,6-pentamethylbenzyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)pyran]; 1-(2-nitrobenzyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[indoline-2,3'-(3H)naphtho(2,1-b)pyran]; 2,2-diphenylnaphtho(2,1-b) pyran; 2,2-di(p-methoxyphenyl)naphtho(2,1-b)pyran; 2,5-dimethylfuryltrimethylfulgide; 2-methyl-5-chlorotrimethylfulgide; spiro[2H- chromene-2,2'- tricyclo[3.3.1.1.sup.3.7]decane]; spiro[2H-naphtho[1,2-b]pyran-2,2'-tricyclo[3.3.1.1.sup.3.7]decane]; 5,7-dimethylspiro[2H-chromene-2,2'-tricyclo[3.3.1.1.sup.3.7]decane]; 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9-methoxyspiro[2H-naphtho[1,2-b]pyran-2,2'-tricyclo[3.3.1.1.sup.3.7]decane]; 6- chlorospiro[2H-naphtho[1,2-b]pyran-2,2'-tricyclo[3.3.1.1.sup.3.7] decane and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 20 (currently amended): A hair covering method according to claim 4 10, which wherein the hair covering comprises at least one mutable dye and at least one non-mutable dye.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A process method for treating hair which comprises:

1. contacting said hair with a hair treatment agent;
2. covering said hair or a part of said hair with a hair covering according to claim 4 which comprises a woven or non-woven fabric impregnated, coated or both impregnated and coated with at least one mutable dye;
3. applying heat to said hair covering whereby said hair covering changes color indicating that said hair treatment has been left on the hair a sufficient amount of time.